



AGATHA FIRST.

The Charming Story, 'THE REAL AGATHA'

will begin in next week's FREE PRESS. The plan of the story:-

The Story

Los Angeles News, April 11, 1908-- American girls in England always are expected to do something extraordinary, and certainly Edith Huntington Mason has given "The Real Agatha" and her companions at the Castle Wyckhoff at Wye enough originality to satisfy the most prejudiced Briton matron. It is a charming tale of a young girl whose parents were English, but who was reared in America and was left heiress to twenty millions by her American stepfather, providing she escaped fortune hunters and married according to her stepfather's will. By an original method she manages to find her true lover, keeps her fortune a secret and give a good time to five other girls in accordance with the terms of the famous will.

Agatha's story is told in the first person by Terhune, an eligible bachelor who flees from London gayety to the country with his friend Freddy Vincent, the penniless younger son of a duke. Their train is delayed in a meadow land and Vincent insists upon a game of golf while they are waiting. On the links they meet a bewitching American girl, and the ever ready Vincent soon learns that she is the Honorable Agatha Wyckhoff, owner of the estate and mammoth castle. Meantime the train has left and the Honorable Agatha invites them to the castle, where, to their amazement, they are introduced to five other American girls who are all Honorable Agathas and are equally beautiful.

After dinner the quiet little secretary of the chaperon summons them to the library to hear the terms of the will, if they are candidates for the hand of the Honorable Agatha. The men feel they must be in some kind of asylum, but assure her they are "candidates." The will states that after the education of Agatha she shall procure five young girls of the name of Agatha to return with her to her estates in England for two years. They are to live luxuriously with ample entertainment and the castle is to be filled with guests, the best England can boast. Each suitor is limited to six weeks and and no girl shall disclose the identity of the real Agatha.

These two candidates passed their weeks in falling in love with all the Agathas and in comical endeavors to discover the real heiress. Even the servants were trained to the secret and the clever girls gave only tantalizing clues which mislead the men and amuse each other. The demure secretary takes but little part in the many festivities. Just when Terhune is positive that he has found which is the rich maiden and urges penniless Freddy to propose to her, that reckless young man elopes with the timid secretary, to find after their marriage-- but let the reader also find out.

This is an interesting story whose characters are livable, lovable American girls and which weaves a clever plot about the worn theme of the pursuit of the American heiress.

Press Comments on "The Real Agatha".

THE BOOKMAN--An exceedingly entertaining little story with which to while away a rainy afternoon.

FORT WORTH TELEGRAM--Very charming is this little story of the entanglement of two young men and an heiress, mysterious secretary and other interesting personages, and it will hold the interest firmly from the first line to the last.

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH--A cheery story with a novel plot that will keep you as much mystified as the hero and as interested.

SPOKANE SPOKESMAN--A lot of delightful adventures and mishaps, and a love story full of romance but with a wholesome moral.

THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN--Just the pleasant entertainment that goes with a box of caramels on an idle afternoon.

Essay on the Fourth.

BY JOHNNY, IN MARION RECORD.

The Fourth comes once a year like Christmas only it comes on the Fourth of July instead of on Christmas day. I have always liked the Fourth. I hope I always will. Pa says that the law, whatever that is, says boys can't have any giants this fourth. And that seemed mighty bad at first. But Pa asked me if I didn't remember that horse that got scared at one of them giants last year and run off and threw the people out and broke that boy's arm. You bet I remember that and I was mighty glad my giant had gone off just before that crazy horse came along. Pa says he will give me just as much money for the Fourth as if I was going to buy giants. And I figured I could get a whole bunch of crackers for what one giant costs and if I set it all off at once I believe it'll make just about as much noise. Any way it will be a longer noise even if it aint quite so loud and sudden.

I don't know just what happened on the first Fourth only Pa told me something about them all getting independent on that day, whatever independent is. I guess it means everyone just kinda cuts loose and makes all the noise they wants to and eats all the stuff and drinks all the soda water and pop they can get. I guess that word independent just belongs to the Fourth, anyway you don't feel that way and like doing them things over the next day. You are too used up. But I like the Fourth. I wish it come in more months than just July. This is all I can think of about the Fourth. Only I like it most the best of any day.

Exchange Items.

McCracken Enterprise: A business change occurred last week when D. D. Hunt bought the drug stock owned by A. Robertson and now controls the drug business in McCracken. Mr. Hunt we understand, will consolidate both stocks of drugs, and in addition will open up a restaurant in the Robertson building. Mr. Robertson is thinking of taking up his residence in Hays City, and in his departure McCracken will lose an old land mark, as he has been in business here since the beginning.

Gove Co. Record: Prof. Fred Lindley of the Gove County High School left the first of the week for Chicago, where he will attend the celebrated Carnegie school the coming summer after which he will return to Gove and take up his work in the school there. Fred has about all there is in school work but keeps stepping out after more all the time.

The Luray Herald last week says: "Those who believe in religious worship more than one day in the week should find encouragement in seeing the throngs attending services early every morning in the big Catholic church at Hays. The worshippers are of both sexes and all ages." "One feature of the harvest is the incoming of relatives and friends of farmers in the wheat belt to help cut the grain. This is no easy-going way of visiting the folks who live here, but it enables many industrious youths and men to see the country, see the people here, improve their health and earn a few dollars."

Gove Co. Gazette: The Workman expect to complete their organization next Monday night. J. H. Troth, the deputy, says he has the required number and that part of them have passed the required examination and that next Monday night rain or shine the organization will be completed. Success to the order.

Harry Pestana of this city was at one time a farmer in Russell county. The following item recently appeared in the "Thirty-One Years Ago" column of the Russell:

Our friend, Pestana, besides being a very clever lawyer, is a farmer of no small ability. We have sampled some of his produce and know whereof we speak.

The town has been very quiet this week, farmers being busy in their harvest fields, for everybody seems to have a crop this year.

Trains to Pass Through Hays.

The official train of the Missouri democrats goes over this road leaving Kansas City Sunday evening at eight o'clock and passes through Hays at 4 a. m., reaching Denver at 2 p. m.

Several of the New York State trains will also go through here on Monday. The Michigan official train goes by the way of Lincoln but returns through this city next Saturday.

Cook Bros. Show Under Canvas.

Abilene Daily Reporter: The big canvas of Cook Bros. was well filled last night to witness their presentation of Railroad Jack and the applause and attention given indicated a well pleased audience. The show was much better than the majority of the tented organizations that have visited Abilene in late years and doubtless very few went away feeling that they had not received their money's worth. The singing and dancing specialties were all that could be required. The Cook Bros. travel in their own private car to which they have attached a caliope and the attention of the people is called to the show by playing this instrument at noon and before the performance at night.

Hays, Monday, July 6th



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